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WASHINGTON, November 1, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 27 totaled 351,835, down 1.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 1.5 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 1.2 percent in the West and 1.6 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of metals and products rose 1,102 cars (11.8 percent). Coal loadings were up 4,065 cars (3 percent), while loadings of metallic ores declined 3,498 cars (18.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 43 weeks of 1990 totaled 14,573,428, up 0.9 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 130,272 trailers and containers for the week ended October 27, up 1.1 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of 1990 was 5,128,235 trailers and containers, 3.6 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 27 totaled 21.6 billion, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 866.3 billion ton-miles, up 3.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1990	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,522	29,950	1.9 %	27,949	9.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,406	2,436	-1.2	2,968	-18.9
Metallic Ores	15,667	19,165	-18.3	16,846	-7.0
Coal	137,635	133,570	3.0	134,427	2.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,525	18,625	-11.3	16,961	-2.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,272	11,002	-15.7	9,645	-3.9
Grain Mill Products	10,099	10,057	.4	10,412	-3.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,125	9,066	.7	9,075	.6
Primary Forest Products	9,551	10,963	-12.9	9,828	-2.8
Lumber & Wood Products	5,868	6,748	-13.0	5,523	6.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,319	10,744	-4.0	10,212	1.0
Chemicals	28,196	27,326	3.2	27,850	1.2
Petroleum Products	5,120	5,370	-4.7	5,208	-1.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,914	11,038	-10.2	10,052	-1.4
Coke	5,735	5,816	-1.4	5,325	7.7
Metals & Products	10,421	9,319	11.8	10,275	1.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,908	19,713	1.0	19,264	3.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,051	8,694	4.1	9,001	.6
All Other Carloads	6,501	7,153	-9.1	5,817	11.8
Total	351,835	356,755	-1.4 %	346,638	1.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 43 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	351,835	356,755	-1.4 %	14,573,428	14,447,272	.9 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	71,149	75,708	-6.0	2,858,674	2,889,252	-1.1
Containers	59,123	53,160	11.2	2,269,561	2,059,877	10.2
Total	130,272	128,868	1.1	5,128,235	4,949,129	3.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.6	21.2	1.9 %	866.3	838.6	3.3 %